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1. Report of Permits for January, 2015
 1. Removals - 4
 2. Pruning - 0
 3. Planting - 0
2. Attendance
 1. David Ruyak
 2. Lester Kissinger, Jr.
 3. John Slifko
 4. Michelle Katzenmoyer
3. Arborist Report
 1. L. Kissinger, Jr. is keeping a list of vacant pits
 2. Will save names / addresses to form Adopt-a-Tree list
 3. Sent 18 letters for hazardous trees
 4. Reading Eagle
 1. Two trees removed without permission (Arbor Care)
 2. Eagle has put their legal team on notice of issue
 5. D. Moodhart's list was acted upon by L. Kissinger, Jr.
 1. Letters sent where necessary
 2. Contact was made with others on the list
 3. Unresolved items will be taken care of once weather permits
4. Adopt-a-Tree
5. Emerald Ash Borer Plan
 1. Inventory shows that Reading has 502 ash trees planted along City streets
 1. 7.3% of street tree population
 2. Count does not include ash trees located on City owned parks / parcels
 2. Will need to remove 439 ash trees
 1. Projected cost for all removals: \$155,000 - \$245,000
 2. Removal phase will take place over three years
 3. Utilizing City funds (RSTC budget) and Public Works / Arborist staff
 3. Replanting of 439 trees with suitable species
 1. Replacement costs projected at \$88,000 - \$155,00
 2. Anticipate volunteers and Public Works staff to plant new trees
 3. Funding available through DCNR grants
 4. Chemical treatment of 69 ash trees
 1. Treatments necessary every two years
 2. 35 trees in year 1 - \$6,000
 3. 34 trees in year 2 - \$6,000
 4. Treatment method
 1. Arbor Jet 'Tree-Age'
 2. Injected into base of tree
 3. Either through contractors or Public Works / Arborist staff

4. Funding available through DCNR grants
5. Intern(s)
 1. Hire a college intern to assist in writing the plan (Plan due by May 2015)
 2. Hire a college intern to aid in public education and awareness
6. Massive need for public education
 1. Mailers to all of those affected
 2. Newspaper press release
 3. Phone calls
6. New bucket truck purchase
 1. Higher reach truck
 2. Current estimates are \$165,000
7. 2015 Arbor Day Celebration

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